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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Attorney Docket No.: SOPH116953

Application No.: 09/622,719

Group Art Unit: 1635

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Examiner: K.A. Lacourciere

Title:

METHOD FOR TREATMENT OF DISEASES OR DISORDERS OF THE

INNER EAR

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER/ PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Seattle, Washington 98101

November 4, 2003

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

A. Amendment Transmittal

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. No additional claim fee is required, as shown below.

COMPUTATION OF FEE FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims		Highest						-
	Remaining		Number						
	After		Previously		Present				Additional
	Amendment		Paid For		Extra		Rate		Fee
Total Claims	24	-	35	=	0	Х	9	=	0
Independent Claims	4	-	4	=	0	X	43	=	0
	TOTAL								\$0

B. Petition for Extension of Time

Applicant respectfully requests that the shortened statutory period for response to the outstanding Office Action dated June 4, 2003, set to expire on September 4, 2003, be extended by 2 months, to expire on November 4, 2003. The enclosed check includes the 2-month extension fee of \$210.00.

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C. Fees Enclosed

Enclosed is our Check No. 151784 in the amount of \$210.00 to cover the amendment claim fee and request for extension of time fee.

D. Additional Fee Charges or Credit for Overpayment

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application. A copy of this document is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service in a sealed envelope as first class mail with postage thereon fully prepaid and addressed to Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the below date.

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO PAPER NO. 13

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Examiner's Action mailed June 4, 2003 (Paper No. 13), please enter the following amendments and reconsider the application in view of the amended claims and remarks that follow.